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Monthly Summary
of

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

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STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In MONTANA For March, 1969
(State) (Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons			
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured		
						Total	a	b
Motor Vehicle								
1. Ran off road	245	5	103	137	5	149	44	65
2. Overturned on road	21	1	5	15	1	6	3	2
3. Pedestrian	20	2	18		2	19	6	9
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	683	8	177	498	10	322	83	127
5. Parked motor vehicle	105	1	18	86	1	21	5	12
6. Railroad train	5		2	3		4	2	
7. Bicyclist	2		2			2	1	1
8. Animal	44		6	38		7	2	5
9. Fixed object	102	1	25	76	1	33	15	14
10. Other object	1			1				
11. Other non-collision								
12. Misc.	2	1		1	2			
Total	1230	19	356	855	22	563	161	235

SUMMARY OF Statewide ACCIDENTS

Legally reportable accidents are those involving non-bodily injury or property damage of

\$ 100.00 or more

☐ In the accident

☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

August 19, 1969

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative (Death Rates)
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
1. Ran off road	274	10	187	719	13	306	714	17	394	-24
2. Overturned on road	22		19	47	1	14	45		29	+ INF
3. Pedestrian	17	2	16	40	3	43	40	3	41	NC
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	463	3	203	2651	18	888	2051	5	737	+260
5. Parked motor vehicle	90		15	363	1	51	305		40	+ INF
6. Railroad train	6	1	3	21	2	8	16	2	7	NC
7. Bicyclist	4		5	2		2	7		8	NC
8. Animal	45		10	107		17	129		18	NC
9. Fixed object	86	3	39	361	1	90	358	7	114	-86
10. Other object	2		3	2			11		9	NC
11. Other non-collision				2	1	1	2		1	+ INF
12. Misc.	1			3	2	2	3	1	1	+100
Total	1010	19	500	4318	42	1422	3681	35	1399	+20

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	42	35	+20
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	843	846	-34
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle miles	4.9	4.1	+19
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle miles	4.3	3.6	+19
5. Fatal Accidents	36	31	+16

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies Twp. la, portway, military, ferryway, railroads, etc.					
	Number of Accidents			Number of Persons			Number of Accidents			Number of Persons		
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Fatal	Injured
URBAN: All incorporated places of 2500 or more people and all areas classified as urban areas by Dept. of Transportation												
1. 2,500 to 10,000	130			29	101	46						
2. 10,000 to 25,000	139			29	110	35						
3. 25,000 to 50,000	95	2		34	59	45						
4. 50,000 to 100,000	185			60	125	82						
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban	549	2	152	395	2	208						
RURAL: All locations other than those listed above												
1. Controlled access highway	37	1	11	25	1	16						
2. State routes & US	389	12	136	241	13	242						
3. County roads	255	4	57	194	6	97						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	681	17	204	460	20	355						
Total urban and rural	1230	19	356	855	22	563						

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon	6. Midnight	61	1	6	3		7	2		5		19	1		19			
	1. 1-5	47	1	4	2		1	3		2		18	1		17			
	2. 6-8	46		6	3		2	7		2		11			15			
	3. 9-10	24	1	1	1		2	6		1		5			8	1		
	4. 11-12	13		3	1		1	1		2		3			2			
	5. 1-2	8		2						2		1			5			
	6. 3-4	20		1	2		4	5		3		2			3			
	7. 5-6	35		7	4		3	5		11		2			2			
	8. 7-8	43	4	12	4		6	8		7	2	4	1		2			
	9. 9-10	44	1	7	6		8	6		6		8			3	1		
	10. 11-12	37		7	4		6	5		8		9			4			
	11. 1-2	48	2	7	5		7	8		8		5	1		11	1		
After Noon	12. Noon	55	1	6	7	1	4	8		11		9			10			
	13. 1-2	63		12	5		7	8		9		14			8			
	14. 3-4	54	1	8	10		2	6		7		12	1		9			
	15. 5-6	94		19	7		8	13		11		18			18			
	16. 7-8	117		13	12		14	19		24		15			20			
	17. 9-10	96	1	14	12		13	20		12		16	1		9			
	18. 11-12	62	2	12	4		8	8	1	7	1	8			15			
	19. 1-2	52		4	6		6	12		4		15			5			
	20. 3-4	44		2	5		5	6		8		11			7			
	21. 5-6	49	2	8	5		4	3		4		16	1		9	1		
	22. 7-8	58		7	2		5	9		17		12			6			
	23. 9-10	60	2	6	4		7	1		18	1	16			9			
	24. Not stated																	
Total	1230	19	168	1	114	1	128	1	167	1	187	4	250	7	216	4		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0 to 4										15	8	7	4	2	2			
5 to 9										14	8	6	4	4				
10 to 14										14	7	7	2	2		2	2	
15 to 19			2							126	82	44	1	1				
20 to 24	4	2								114	79	35	1		1			
25 to 34	3	3								79	47	32						
35 to 44	7	7		1	1					84	43	41	1		1			
45 to 54	1	1								57	31	26						
55 to 64	3	2	1							33	18	15	1	1				
65 to 74	1		1							19	9	10	2		2			
75 & older	1	1								7	5	2	3	2	1			
Not stated	2			2	2					1								
Totals	22	16	6	3	1	2				563	337	226	19	12	7	2	2	

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Entering at angle	206	1	60	145
2a. From same direction - both going straight	3			3
b. Same - one turn, one straight	9		1	8
c. Same - one stopped	31		5	26
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight	2			1
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	36		11	25
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	287	1	78	208

B TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going against the direction - both moving	105	6	32	67
2. Going same direction - both moving	136		32	104
3a. One car parked	105	1	18	86
b. One car stopped in traffic	100	1	28	71
4a. One car entering parked position				
b. One car leaving parked position	23		1	22
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	7		1	6
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	27		5	22
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	503	8	117	378

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Car going straight	20	2	1	18
2. Car turning right	1		1	1
3. Car turning left	1		1	1
4. Car backing				
5. All others				
6. Not stated				
Totals	22	2	1	20

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with	1		1	
2. Fixed object in road	8		4	4
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	9		4	5
5. Non-motor vehicle - motor, bicycle, etc.	4		2	2
6. Fixed object in road	93	1	21	71
7. Overturned in road	22	1	6	15
8. At curve	94	1	43	50
9. Straight road	141	4	55	82
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others	46	1	6	39
12. Not stated				
Totals	418	8	142	268

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Age of Pedestrians Killed and Injured										
	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated	
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection	1	7	1	1			1		3		
b. Same - not at intersection	12	3	4	2			1		2		
2a. Walking to roadway - with traffic											
b. Same - against traffic											
3. Stumbling on roadway											
4. Getting on or off other vehicle											
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway											
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway											
8. Other on roadway	1	3		1	1		1				
9. Not on roadway											
10. Not stated	1	2							2		
Totals	3	24	4	4	4	1	2	1	7		

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	39		9
2. 16	72	1	13
3. 17	106		25
4. 18 to 19	215	3	64
5. 20 to 24	350	8	96
6. 25 to 34	370	6	107
7. 35 to 44	289	3	91
8. 45 to 54	262	4	72
9. 55 to 64	128	2	44
10. 65 to 74	68		18
11. 75 & older	39		6
12. Not stated			
Totals	1938	27	545

9. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	1520	24	415
2. Female	418	3	130
3. Not stated			
Totals	1938	27	545

10. RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	1589	14	417
2. Resident elsewhere in state	250	8	93
3. Non-resident of state	99	5	35
4. Not stated			
Totals	1938	27	545

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1717	22	467
2. Passenger car and trailer	1		1
3. Truck or truck tractor	284	3	80
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	11		7
5. Other truck combination	28	1	8
6. Farm tractor and/or farm motor			
7. Tractor	3		1
8. Bus	5		
9. School bus	2		2
10. Motorcycle	8	1	5
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	3	1	1
Totals	2062	28	572

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	674	13	219
2. Wet	130	4	37
3. Snowy or icy	414	2	97
4. Other	12		3
5. Not stated			
Totals	1230	19	356

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Buildup	579	2	151
2. Not buildup	651	17	205
3. Not stated			
Totals	1230	19	356

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	709	9	183
2. Dusk or dawn	51		11
3. Darkness	470	10	162
4. Not stated			
Totals	1230	19	356

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	285	3	106
2. Failed to yield right of way	127	2	26
3. Drove left of center	30	4	9
4. Improper overtaking	18		9
5. Panned stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	25		11
7. Followed too closely	19		4
8. Made improper turn	31		11
9. Other improper driving	19		6
10. Inadequate brakes	7		2
11. Improper lights	1		
12. Had been drinking	36	6	14
Totals	598	15	198

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	999	17	296
3. Raining	17		5
4. Snowing	157	1	40
5. Fog	17		3
6. Other	40	1	12
Total	1230	19	356

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	1		
2. Straight road—level	836	10	242
3. Straight road—hillcrest	30		7
4. Straight road—on grade	166	7	46
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	74	2	23
7. Curve—hillcrest	9		4
8. Curve—on grade	87		31
9. Curve—not stated	27		
Total	1230	19	356

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	271	5	74
2. Farmers or farm laborers	95	2	27
3. Students	458	2	113
4. Sales persons	64		16
5. Commercial drivers	102	5	38
6. Military personnel	49		12
7. Housewives & domestic servants	236	2	73
8. Retired & pensioners	77		19
9. All other workers	586	11	173
Total	1938	27	545

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	113	10	24
2. Received classroom training in school	7		1
3. Received behind the wheel training	2		1
4. Received both classes of training	202	2	61
5. No driver training	951	15	316
Total	1275	27	403

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	21	2	
2. HBD—obviously drunk	22	2	10
3. HBD—ability impaired	36	3	11
4. HBD—ability not impaired	36		14
5. HBD—not known if impaired	96	4	48
6. Had not been drinking	1001	12	294
7. Not known if drinking	63	4	26
Total	1275	27	403

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	11		7
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	40		12
4. Loose material on surface	41	1	17
5. Under construction or repair	2		1
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet	1		
7. Other	2		
8. No defects	726	18	236
Total	823	19	273

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	225		36
2. Equipped with in use	305	2	73
3. Equipped with not in use	759	10	229
4. Not equipped with	649	15	207
Total	1938	27	545
1. Not stated	955		210
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	184	9	109
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	99	1	30
4. SB did not or could not have helped	700	17	196
Total	1938	27	545

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	621	15	210
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	202	4	63
3. Not stated			
Total	823	19	273
1. Not stated	159	3	38
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	83	8	39
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	2		
4. Exceeding safe speed limit	26	1	10
5. Not exceeding legal speed limit	1082	16	336
6. No speed violation	1352	28	423
Total	1352	28	423
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	6		
2. Hit & run accidents	1		



STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In Montana For March 1969
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1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons					Notes: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents. a. Bleeding, wound, distorted member, or any condition* that required action be carried from the scene. b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, lacerations, or other painful movement. c. Complete or pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.
		Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured				
							Total	a	b	c	
Collision or Motor vehicle with:	Motor Vehicle:	6		2	4		3		2	1	
	1. Ran off road	19	1	18		1	19	6	9	4	
	2. Overturned on road	397		99	298		146	29	54	63	
	3. Pedestrian	73		15	58		17	4	10	3	
	4. Motor vehicle in traffic	2		1	1		3	2		1	
	5. Partial motor vehicle			2			2	1	1		
	6. Railroad train	1			1						
	7. Bicyclist	48	1	15	32	1	18	10	6	2	
	8. Animal										
	9. Fixed object										
	10. Other object										
	11. Other non-collision										
12. Misc.	1			1							
Totals		549	2	152	395	2	208	52	82	74	

SUMMARY OF Urban ACCIDENTS

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death Rate
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
1. Ran off road	17		8	23		9	38		18	NC ₁
2. Overturned on road	1		1	2			2		1	NC ₁
3. Pedestrian	14	1	14	34	1	38	35	1	37	NC ₁
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	295	1	120	1637		431	1330	1	387	-100 ₁
5. Partially open vehicle	70		14	287		39	250		38	NC ₁
6. Railroad train	1			5		4	5		1	NC ₁
7. Bicyclist	3		4	2		2	6		7	NC ₁
8. Animal	2			1			3			NC ₁
9. Fixed object	30		11	174	1	46	156		54	+INF ₁
10. Other object							1		1	NC ₁
11. Other non-collision							1			NC ₁
12. Misc.				1						NC ₁
Totals	433	2	172	2166	2	569	1827	2	544	NO₁

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	2	0	+INF ₁
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)		N A	
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles		N A	
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles		N A	
5. Fatal Accidents	2	0	+INF ₁
6.			

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Turnpike, portway, military, highway authorities and commissions, etc.					
	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons	
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	"Fatal"	Injured
1. 2,500 to 10,000	130		29	101		46						
2. 10,000 to 25,000	139		29	110		35						
3. 25,000 to 50,000	95	2	34	59	2	45						
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2. State routes												
3. County routes												
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural												
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon																		
9. Multiple	19		1		1		2		1		3		4		7			
1. 1:00	16		1		1								8		6			
2. 2:00	14		3		1				4		1		1		4			
3. 3:00	9		1				1		1		1		3		2			
4. 4:00	5						1				2		1		1			
5. 5:00	2														2			
6. 6:00	7						2		3		2							
7. 7:00	20		5		1		2		1		9				2			
8. 8:00	26		6		3		5		8		2		2					
9. 9:00	19		4		2		3		5		3		2					
10. 10:00	17		1		2		3		2		3		3		3			
11. 11:00	24		5		3		5		1		6		2		2			
12. Noon	32		3		3		2		5		10		6		3			
13. 1:00	23		5		2		2		3		5		5		1			
14. 2:00	29		4		3		1		4		5		8		4			
15. 3:00	43		10		3		3		6		4		9		8			
16. 4:00	57		8		7		7		9		13		7		6			
17. 5:00	50		9		7		6		9		7		6		5			
18. 6:00	25	1	4		2		5		3		4	1	2		5			
19. 7:00	18		1		2		3		3		2		4		3			
20. 8:00	17				2		3		4		3		4		1			
21. 9:00	21		2		3		1		3		3		6		3			
22. 10:00	29		2		1		2		5		10		8		1			
23. 11:00	27	1	1		2		3				11	1	6		4			
24. Not stated																		
Totals	549	2	76		51		62		80		109	2	97		74			

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										6	4	2	4	2	2			
2. 5 to 9										7	6	1	4	2				
3. 10 to 14										8	5	3	2	2		2	2	
4. 15 to 19										43	27	16	1	1				
5. 20 to 24										39	23	16	1		1			
6. 25 to 34	1	1								25	17	8						
7. 35 to 44										34	14	20	1		1			
8. 45 to 54										18	7	11						
9. 55 to 64										15	9	6	1	1				
10. 65 to 74										7	4	3	2		2			
11. 75 & older	1		1	1		1				6	4	2	2	1	1			
12. Not stated																		
Totals	2	1	1	1		1				208	120	88	18	11	7	2	2	

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Entering at angle	151		45	106
2a. From same direction - both going straight	3			3
b. Same - one turn, one straight	9		1	8
c. Same - one stopped	31		5	26
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight	2		1	1
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	36		11	25
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	232		63	169

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite directions - both moving	17		7	11
2. Going same direction - both moving	42		8	34
3a. One car parked	73		15	58
b. One car stopped in traffic	66		17	49
4a. One car entering parked position				
b. One car leaving parked position	15		1	14
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	7		1	6
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	20		3	17
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	240		51	189

C. PEOESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents			Non-Fatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection	Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection
1. Car going straight	18	1	1		17	3	14
2. Car turning right	1				1	1	
3. Car turning left	1				1	1	
4. Car backing							
5. All others							
6. Not stated							
Totals	20	1	1		19	5	14

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with 1. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.	1		1	
2. Fixed object in road	8		4	4
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	2		1	1
Collision with 5. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.	2		2	
6. Fixed object in road	39	1	11	27
7. Overturned in road				
8. All curves	2		1	1
9. Straight road	2			2
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others	1			1
12. Not stated				
Totals	57	1	20	36

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection	1	7	1	1		1		1	3	
b. Same - not at intersection		12	3	4	2		1		2	
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic										
b. Same - against traffic										
3. Standing in roadway										
4. Getting on or off other vehicle										
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway										
6. Other working in roadway										
7. Playing in roadway										
8. Other on roadway	2			1	1					
9. Not in roadway										
10. Not stated										
Totals	1	21	4	4	4	1	1	1	5	

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	21		5
2. 16	48		7
3. 17	60		18
4. 18 to 19	108		27
5. 20 to 24	178		39
6. 25 to 34	171	1	48
7. 35 to 44	132	1	42
8. 45 to 54	118		33
9. 55 to 64	62		23
10. 65 to 74	42		10
11. 75 & older	25		6
12. Not stated			
Totals	965	2	258

9. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	719	2	184
2. Female	246		74
3. Not stated			
Totals	965	2	258

10. RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	895	2	235
2. Spending at least one night in state	57		20
3. Nonresident of state	13		3
4. Not stated			
Totals	965	2	258

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	938	2	250
2. Passenger car and trailer			
3. Truck or truck tractor	102		25
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	2		1
5. Other truck combination			
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Trolley	3		1
8. Bus	4		
9. School bus	1		1
10. Motorcycle	5		3
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	1		
Totals	1056	2	281

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	301	1	91
2. Wet	71		26
3. Snowy or icy	177	1	35
4. Other			
5. Not stated			
Totals	549	2	152

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Backstop	538	2	150
2. Not backstop	11		2
3. Not stated			
Totals	549	2	152

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	349		86
2. Dawn or dusk	21		5
3. Darkness	179	2	61
4. Not stated			
Totals	549	2	152

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	100		31
2. Failed to yield right of way	78		26
3. Drove left of center	2		1
4. Improper overtaking			
5. Passed stop sign	19		10
6. Obeyed traffic signal	11		3
7. Followed too closely			
8. Made improper turn	16		4
9. Other improper driving	9		3
10. Inadequate brakes	3		
11. Improper lights			
12. Had been drinking	15	1	8
Totals	253	1	76

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF

URBAN

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD March 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	461	2	132
3. Raining	8		3
4. Snowing	57		13
5. Fog	4		
6. Other	19		4
Total	549	2	152

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	468	1	130
3. Straight road—hillycrest	5		2
4. Straight road—on grade	59	1	14
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	9		2
7. Curve—hillycrest			
8. Curve—on grade	7		4
9. Curve—not stated	1		
Total	549	2	152

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	171	1	43
2. Farmers or farm laborers	17		3
3. Students	283		68
4. Sales persons	32		9
5. Commercial drivers	26		11
6. Military personnel	23		4
7. Housewives & domestic servants	131		45
8. Retired & pensioners	52		16
9. All other workers	230	1	59
Total	965	2	258

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	54	1	2
2. Received classroom training in school	3		1
3. Received behind the wheel training	1		
4. Received both classes of training	94	1	25
5. No driver training	403		111
Total	555	2	149

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. HBD—obviously drunk	15		5
3. HBD—ability impaired	9	1	2
4. HBD—ability not impaired	5		4
5. HBD—not known if impaired	12		11
6. Had not been drinking	29		116
7. Not known if drinking	465	1	11
Total	555	2	149

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	3		6
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	21		5
4. Loose material on surface	12		
5. Under construction or repair	1		
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other			
8. No defects	278	2	79
Total	315	2	90

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	97		24
2. Equipped with in use	123		29
3. Equipped with not in use	431		123
4. Not equipped with	314	2	82
Total	965	2	258
1. Not stated	575		143
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	20		16
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	5		
4. SB did not or could not have helped	365	2	99
Total	965	2	258

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	258	1	78
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	57	1	12
3. Not stated			
Total	315	2	90
1. Not stated	112		26
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	13		5
3. Exceeding safe speed limit			
4. Exceeding legal speed limit	1		
5. No speed violation	487	2	134
Total	613	2	165
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination			
2. Hit & run accidents	2		

STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In Montana For March, 1969
(State) (Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons					Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents. a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required action to be carried from the scene. b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other partial movement. c. Complaint of pain, with out visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.
		Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured				
							Total	a	b	c	
Motor Vehicle											
1. Ran off road		239	5	101	133	5	146	44	63	39	
2. Overturned on road		21	1	5	15	1	6	3	2	1	
3. Pedestrian		1	1			1					
4. Motor vehicle in traffic		286	8	78	200	10	176	54	73	49	
5. Partial motor vehicle		32	1	3	28	1	4	1	2	1	
6. Railroad train		3		1	2		1			1	
7. Bicyclist											
8. Animal		43		6	37		7	2	5		
9. Fixed object		54		10	44		15	5	8	2	
10. Other object		1			1						
11. Other non-traffic											
12. Misc.		1	1			2					
Totals		681	17	204	460	20	355	109	153	93	

SUMMARY OF Rural

ACCIDENTS

Legally reportable accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of \$100.00 or more.

\$ 100.00 or more

☐ In the accident☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

---August 19, 1969---

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS		Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Compared to Death Total
		All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
Continuation of motor vehicle traffic	1. Run off road	257	10	179	696	13	297	676	17	376	- 24
	2. Overturned on road	21		18	45	1	14	43		28	+ INF
	3. Pedestrian	3	1	2	6	2	5	5	2	4	NC
	4. Motor vehicle in traffic	168	2	83	1014	18	457	721	4	350	+ 350
	5. Partial motor vehicle	20		1	76	1	12	55		2	+ INF
	6. Railroad train	5	1	3	16	2	4	11	2	6	N.C.
	7. Bicyclist	1		1				1		1	N.C.
	8. Animal	43		10	106		17	126		18	N.C.
	9. Fixed object	56	3	28	187		44	202	7	60	- 100
	10. Other object	2		3	2			10		8	NC
	11. Other non-traffic				2	1	1	1		1	+ INF
	12. Misc.	1			2	2	2	3	1	1	+ 100
Totals		577	17	328	2152	40	853	1854	33	855	+ 21

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	40	33	+ 21
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)		N.A.	
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicles		N.A.	
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicles		N.A.	
5. Fatal Accidents	34	29	+ 17
6.			

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Tampa, portway, military, freeway authorities and commissions, etc.					
	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons	
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Fatal	Injured
URBAN: All incorporated places of 2500 or more people and all areas classified as urban by special census and allowed in 1960 census												
1. 2,500 to 10,000												
2. 10,000 to 25,000												
3. 25,000 to 50,000												
4. 50,000 to 100,000												
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban												
RURAL: All locations other than those above												
1. Controlled access highway	37	1	11	25	1	16						
2. State routes & US	389	12	136	241	13	242						
3. County roads	255	4	57	194	6	97						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	681	17	204	460	20	355						
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Hour beginning																		
Before Noon																		
1. Midnight	42	1	5		2		5		1		2		15	1	12			
2. 1:00	31	1	3		1		1		3		2		10	1	11			
3. 2:00	32		3		2		2		3		1		10		11			
4. 3:00	15	1			1		1		5						6	1		
5. 4:00	8		3		1		1		1				2		1			
6. 5:00	6		2						1				2		3			
7. 6:00	13		1		2		2		2		1		2		3			
8. 7:00	15		2		3		1		4		2		3					
9. 8:00	17	4	6	1	1		1		5	2	2	1	2		2			
10. 9:00	25	1	3		4		5		1		3		6		3	1		
11. 10:00	20				2		3		3		5		6		1			
12. 11:00	24	2	2		2		3		6		2		3	1	9	1		
After Noon																		
13. 1:00	23	1	3		4	1	2		3		1		3		7			
14. 2:00	40		7		3		5		5		4		9		7			
15. 3:00	25	1	4		7		1		2		2		4	1	5			
16. 4:00	51		9		4		5		7		7		9		10			
17. 5:00	60		5		5		5		10		11		8		14			
18. 6:00	46	1	5		5		7		11		5		10	1	3			
19. 7:00	37	1	8		2		3		5	1	3		6		10			
20. 8:00	34		3		4		3		9		2		11		2			
21. 9:00	27		2		3		2		2		5		7		6			
22. 10:00	28	2	6		2		3				1		10	1	6	1		
23. 11:00	29		5		1		3		4		7		4		5			
24. Not stated	33	1	5		2		4	1			7		10		5			
Total	681	17	92	1	63	1	66	1	87	1	78	2	153	7	142	4		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										9	4	5						
2. 5 to 9										7	2	5						
3. 10 to 14										6	2	4						
4. 15 to 19	4	2	2							83	55	28						
5. 20 to 24	3	3								75	56	19						
6. 25 to 34	6	6		1	1					54	30	24						
7. 35 to 44	1	1								50	29	21						
8. 45 to 54	3	2	1							39	24	15						
9. 55 to 64	1	1								18	9	9						
10. 65 to 74	1	1								12	5	7						
11. 75 & older	1		1	1		1				1	1		1		1			
12. Not stated										1		1						
Totals	20	15	5	2	1	1				355	217	138	1		1			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overtuning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Turning at angle	55	1	15	39
2a. From same direction - both going straight				
a. Same - same turn, one straight				
b. Same - one stopped				
c. Same - all others				
2b. From opposite direction - both going straight				
a. Same - one left turn, one straight				
b. Same - all others				
3. Not stated				
Totals	55	1	15	39

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	88	6	26	56
2. Going same direction - both moving	94		24	70
3a. One car parked	32	1	3	28
a. One car stopped or traffic	34	1	11	22
4a. One car entering parked position				
a. One car leaving parked position	8			8
5a. One car entering alley or driveway				
a. One car leaving alley or driveway	7		2	5
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	263	8	66	189

C. PEOESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Car going straight	2	1		1
2. Car turning right				
3. Car turning left				
4. Car backing				
5. All others				
6. Not stated				
Totals	2	1		1

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with				
1. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road				
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	7		3	4
Collision with				
5. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.	2			2
6. Fixed object in road	54		10	44
7. Overturned in road	22	1	6	15
8. At curve	92	1	42	49
9. Straight road	139	4	55	80
10. Fell from moving vehicle				
11. All others	45	1	6	38
12. Not stated				
Totals	361	7	122	232

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured							
1a. Crossing or entering roadway at intersection		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64
a. Same - not at intersection									
2a. Walking on roadway - with traffic									
a. Same - against traffic									
3. Standing on roadway									
4. Getting on or off other vehicle									
5. Pushing or working on vehicle or roadway									
6. Other walking on roadway									
7. Playing on roadway									
8. Other on roadway	1	1							
9. Not on roadway								1	
10. Not stated	1	2							2
Totals	2	3						1	2

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are excluded

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	18		4
2. 16	24	1	6
3. 17	46		7
4. 18 to 19	107	3	37
5. 20 to 24	172	8	57
6. 25 to 34	199	5	59
7. 35 to 44	157	2	49
8. 45 to 54	144	4	39
9. 55 to 64	66	2	21
10. 65 to 74	26		8
11. 75 & older	14		
12. Not stated			
Totals	973	25	287

9. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	801	22	231
2. Female	172	3	56
3. Not stated			
Totals	873	25	287

10. RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	694	12	182
2. Residing elsewhere in state	193	8	73
3. Resident of other state	86	5	32
4. Not stated			
Totals	973	25	287

Vehicles in proper parking locations are included

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	779	20	217
2. Passenger car and trailer	1		1
3. Truck or truck tractor	182	3	55
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	9		6
5. Other truck combination	28	1	8
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Trolley			
8. Bus	1		
9. School bus			1
10. Motorcycle	1	1	2
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	2	1	1
Totals	1006	26	291

Special vehicles included above

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	373	12	128
2. Wet	59	4	11
3. Slippy or icy	237	1	62
4. Other	12		3
5. Not stated			
Totals	681	17	204

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	41		1
2. Not built-up	640	17	203
3. Not stated			
Totals	681	17	204

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	360	9	97
2. Dawn or dusk	30		6
3. Darkness	291	8	101
4. Not stated			
Totals	681	17	204

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	185	3	75
2. Failed to yield right of way	49	2	10
3. Drove left of center	28	4	8
4. Improper overtaking	18		9
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	6		1
7. Followed too closely	8		1
8. Made improper turn	15		7
9. Other improper driving	10		3
10. Inadequate brakes	4		2
11. Improper lights	1		
12. Had been drinking	21	5	6
Totals	345	14	122

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF

RURAL

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD

March 1969

Weather		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated				
2. Clear		538	15	164
3. Raining		9		2
4. Snowing		100	1	27
5. Fog		13		3
6. Other		21	1	8
Total		681	17	204

Character of Road		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated		1		
2. Straight road—level		368	9	112
3. Straight road—hillcrest		25		5
4. Straight road—on grade		107	6	32
5. Straight road—not stated				
6. Curve—level		65	2	21
7. Curve—hillcrest		9		4
8. Curve—on grade		80		27
9. Curve—not stated		26		
Total		681	17	204

Occupation of Driver		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man		100	4	31
2. Farmers or farm laborers		78	2	24
3. Students		175	2	45
4. Sales persons		32		7
5. Commercial drivers		76	5	27
6. Military personnel		26		8
7. Housewives & domestic servants		105	2	28
8. Retired & pensioners		25		3
9. All other workers		356	10	114
Total		973	25	287

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated		59	9	12
2. Received classroom training in school		4		
3. Received behind the wheel training		1	2	1
4. Received both classes of training		108		36
5. No driver training		548	14	205
Total		720	25	254

Driver Sobriety		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated		6	2	
2. HBD—obviously drunk		13	1	5
3. HBD—ability impaired		31	3	9
4. HBD—ability not impaired		24		10
5. HBD—not known if impaired		67	4	37
6. Had not been drinking		536	11	178
7. Not known if drinking		43	4	15
Total		720	25	254

Road Defects		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated				
2. Defective shoulders		8		7
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps		19		6
4. Loose material on surface		29	1	12
5. Under construction or repair		1		1
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet		1		
7. Other		2		
8. No defects		448	16	157
Total		508	17	183

Seat Belt Information		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated		128		12
2. Equipped with in use		182	2	44
3. Equipped with not in use		328	10	106
4. Not equipped with		335	13	125
Total		973	25	287
1. Not stated		380		67
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.		164	9	93
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury		94	1	30
4. SB did not or could not have helped		335	15	97
Total		973	25	287

Additional Accident Facts		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV		363	14	132
2. Accidents not involving a HMV		145	3	51
3. Not stated				
Total		508	17	183
1. Not stated		508		
2. Exceeding stated speed limit		47	3	12
3. Exceeding safe speed limit		70	8	34
4. Exceeding safe speed limit		2		
5. No speed violation		25	1	10
Total		595	14	202
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination		739	26	258
2. Hit & run accidents		4		

